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SUBJECT: CORRECTED SALT TWO - 654, "COMMENTS ON
MAY 7 MEETING"

REF: SALT TWO - 654

1. FOLLOWING IS CORRECTED VERSION OF SALT TWO - 654:

"1. AFTER SURMOUNTING LESS THAN ONE HOUR BEFORE TODAY'S
PLENARY MEETING A "PERILS OF PAULINE" OBSTACLE COURSE,
A JOINT DRAFT TEXT WAS FORMALLY SUBMITTED BY THE DRAFTING
GROUP TO THE HEADS OF DELEGATION AT TODAY'S MEETING. AT
MEETING I MADE A BRIEF FORMAL STATEMENT. SEMENOV
STATEMENT WAS SOMEWHAT MORE EXTENDED PRESENTATION OF
VIEWS ON THEIR POSITIONS, INCLUDING FOR THE FIRST TIME
SINCE IT WAS REJECTED BY US, THEIR FBS AND THIRD-COUNTRY
NUCLEAR FORCE PROPOSAL

"2. HAZARDS OF JOINT DRAFT TEXT REVOLVE PRIMARILY AROUND
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DEFINITIONS ARTICLE, WITH SOV MEMBER DRAFTING GROUP

HANDING BACK AND REFUSING TO CONSIDER THE REDRAFT OF THAT ARTICLE WHICH US COMPONENT HAD TABLED ON APRIL 30. I TOOK UP MATTER YESTERDAY IN LONG PRIVATE MEETING WITH SEMENOV AND ATTAINED HIS AGREEMENT FOR DRAFTING GROUP TO CONSIDER SEVERAL ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF HAVING DRAFT JOINT

TEXT REPRESENT RESPECTIVE POSITIONS OF BOTH SIDES. TO MY SURPRISE LAST NIGHT AFTER PRIVATE DINNER, SEMENOV SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH HIS DELEGATION AND WANTED TO INFORM ME THAT OUR APRIL 30 DRAFT TEXT "COULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A BASIS FOR A JOINT TEXT." I, OF COURSE, EXPRESSED SURPRISE IN VIEW OF THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAD REACHED AT THE AFTERNOON MEETING AND SAID THAT I WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT FACT THAT THEIR POSITION WOULD RESULT IN THERE BEING NO JOINT DRAFT TEXT. LONG DISCUSSION RESULTED IN HIS FINALLY SUGGESTING ONE OF THE OPTIONS WHICH IN FACT I HAD PROPOSED AT AFTERNOON MEETING, TO EFFECT THAT JOINT TEXT SIMPLY INCLUDE FULL BRACKETED TEXT OF BOTH SOVIET AND US PROPOSALS. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE TO MY EFFORT TO CONFIRM THIS WAS FINAL AND AN AGREED POSITION ON HIS PART, HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO AGAIN CONSULT WITH HIS DELEGATION AND WOULD LET ME KNOW THIS MORNING. (I READ INTO HIS REMARKS IMPLICATION THAT TRUSOV HAD PROBABLY VETOED OUR AFTERNOON AGREEMENT AND SEMENOV WOULD AGAIN CONSULT WITH TRUSOV.) IN ANY EVENT, RESULT WAS DEFINITIONS ARTICLE CONTAINED FULL TEXTS OF BOTH US AND SOVIET PROPOSALS IN JOINT DRAFT. WE ARE BRINGING TEXT WITH US TO WASHINGTON. INGERSOLL

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